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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Wataru NARA

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EXAMINER:

FOR: DOCUMENT IMAGE SCANNING DEVICE THAT PROVIDES IMAGE OF PROPER APPEARANCE WHILE PRESERVING IMAGE DENSITY

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- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

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- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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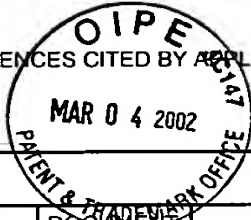
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